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LEGISLATORS LAUD \$3.5M SBT CREDIT FOR CITY OF SOUTHFIELD PROJECT

LANSING – Sen. Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) and Rep. Paul Condino (D-Southfield) today lauded the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) approval of a Single Business Tax (SBT) credit for J&L America Inc. valued at \$3,467,000. J & L America, a subsidiary of Kennametal, Inc., provides metalworking tools, supplies and related products to manufacturers in the U.S. and U.K. The project will provide larger quarters for the firm as well as consolidating call center operations from three other states.

The project will lead to 100 new jobs the first year of the project and 300 jobs over five years. Estimates indicate the new facility will create a total of 454 jobs in the state by 2013. The project is also expected to generate \$8 million in total state government revenues by that date, net of MEGA cost and adjusted for inflation.

“This is a tremendous boost not only for the region, but for the state,” Sen. Jacobs said. “This is the kind of long-term investment that defines the governor’s *Jobs Today and Jobs Tomorrow* vision.”

The company plans to lease an existing 50,000 square foot facility in Southfield. The City of Southfield has approved a three-year property tax abatement.

“We’re pleased and proud that J & L America chose to invest in the City of Southfield. Our community continues to thrive because businesses like J & L recognize Southfield as a wonderful place to live and work,” said Rep. Condino, “and by retaining such industries, the Michigan economy benefits as well.”

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